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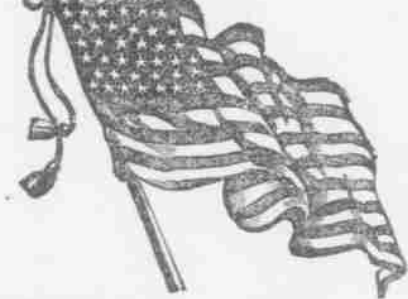
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PENSIONS FOR LETTER CARRIERS.

The bill to retire the letter carriers and postal men generally on a pension of \$200 a year, has been reported out of the committee, with the recommendation that congress pass the measure.

Since most of our large private corporations are pensioning old employees who have devoted their whole lives to their interests when they retire, and municipalities are pensioning their aged and incapacitated policemen, there is no reason why this great government should not take care of the men who so faithfully serve the whole public in all sorts of weather.

The letter carriers are the public's burden bearers; and they are loaded two and three times a day with papers and letters and travel regardless of the heat or the cold more miles a day than most of us imagine. It is a hard and responsible service in which they suffer for our convenience many discomforts and hardships.

Many men who have rendered less valuable service to the people are drawing pensions today; and there is no reason why the handlers of our mails should not in old age have sustenance and comfort assured.

A SHAMEFUL CONDITION.

According to careful estimates recently made England has 800,000 school children wanting meals and not getting them; and this does not include the children under school age who are not getting the food they need to sustain them in health.

This is an appalling state of affairs of which any country should be ashamed, especially a country worth eighty billion with an annual income of ten and a half billions, and which boasts of its great intelligence and power.

A country that is breeding paupers by the million and undermining the health of millions of her working population because of a rotten and arbitrary system of government should not be surprised to find her citizens slow to respond for defense, or her subjects easy victims of the tempter when the reward is ample.

England needs a great humane and industrial reformation which will place her people on a par with the well paid and well fed people of other civilized lands.

Her present system of treating labor is a menace to her future progress.

HOW OLD ARE YOU?

Age is more a matter of mind than of years. Some people look as old at 35 as others do at 75. The saying is that a man is no older than he feels. The Psalmist's limit of three score and ten has had a depressing effect upon men who have accepted it as true.

"Shut the door to the sun," says an Italian proverb, and you open the door to the doctor.

Youth doesn't accomplish everything. Hercules in youth did perform the Twelve Labors. There are great young men and grand old men figuring in the world's history. Raphael and Byron and Keats and Shelley did their great work in the 20's, and Jesus and Alexander the Great theirs in the 30's; but Gallies was about 70 when he wrote the laws of motion; Ludovico wrote the memories of his times when 115; Noah Webster studied 17 languages after he was 50; Longfellow, Whittier and Tennyson did their best work after they were 70.

Every man is the superintendent of his own energy and may conserve or waste it. Many men who were invalids in youth have lived to be centenarians because in the morning of life they were compelled to learn the laws of health.

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Let us hope we shall experience nothing worse this year than the heat wave we have just experienced; and that we may now have good weather enough to cure for harvest the hay-crop.

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